

Closure of AMU

2298. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent closure of the Aligarh Muslim University;

(b) if so, the rationale behind the closure of this University;

(c) whether any inquiry regarding police firing in the AMU campus, in which one student was killed & several injured, has been conducted;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the action taken against the persons found guilty; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University had to be closed sine die to restore normalcy following unrest amongst the students due to the incident involving killing of a student in the early hours of 2nd October, 1996.

(c) to (e). An inquiry into the incident, ordered by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, is in progress.

Use of Ganga and Ground Water by U.P.

2299. SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U.P. and Bihar are using more Ganga water than the ground water for their irrigation purposes;

(b) whether the Government are considering to advise these States to use ground water for irrigation purposes thereby release more water to the down stream;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other ways to make available more Ganga water to the down stream particularly during the lean period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The State of Uttar Pradesh uses more ground water than surface water including Ganga water for irrigation where as the state of Bihar uses more surface water including Ganga water than ground water for irrigation purposes.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. Utilisation of water for various purposes including irrigation is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central Ground Water Board has formulated a scheme for development of

ground water in eastern States of Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and eastern Uttar Pradesh which is at consultation stage.

(d) No such study has been made by the Government so far.

Free and Compulsory Education

2300. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level Committee has been set up to consider free and compulsory education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of meetings of the Committee held so far;

(d) the salient features of recommendations/ observations made at the meetings of the Committee; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) Government have appointed a Committee, chaired by Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Union Minister for Human Resource Development (Education) to consider the financial, administrative, legal and academic implications of the proposal to make the right to free and compulsory elementary education a Fundamental Right.

(b) The details of the members of the Committee, its terms and tenure are given in the enclosed statements copy of this Department's Order dated 29 August, 1996 constituting the Committee. The tenure of the Committee has since been extended upto 15-1-1997.

(c) The Committee has hold three meetings so far.

(d) the Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

No. F. 1-53/92-EE

Government of India

Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Deptt. of Education)

New Delhi, 29th August, 1996

ORDER

The Common Minimum Programme of the United Front proposes to make free and compulsory education for children upto 14 years a Fundamental Right for achieving universalisation of elementary education by the turn of the century. This proposal would give the

entire nation the necessary resolve to achieve this goal and help in harnessing the resources required for this purpose. The pros and cons of the proposal were deliberated upon in the Conference of State Education Ministers on 10th August, 1996. While recognising the significance of the proposed Constitutional Amendment, the Conference felt that widespread consultations at the political level were necessary to carefully consider the legal, financial, administrative and academic implications of the matter. Accordingly, it has been decided to set up a Committee of Ministers to examine the various (legal, financial, administrative and academic) implications of this proposal. The composition of the Committee would be as follows :

1. Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India - Chairman
2. Shri Jayaprakash Narayan Yadav, Education Minister, Bihar
3. Shri Kanti Biswas, Minister-in-charge, School Education West Bengal.
4. Hon'ble Prof. K. Anbazhagan, Education Minister, Tamil Nadu.
5. Shri P.J. Joseph, Education Minister, Kerala.
6. Shri R.S. Govinda Gowda, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, Karnataka.
7. Shri Sudhi Joshi, Minister for School Education Maharashtra.
8. Shri Mukesh Naik, Minister for School Education, Madhya Pradesh.
9. Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Education Minister, Haryana.
10. Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Education Minister, Rajasthan.
11. Shri Jai-Dev Jena, Minister for School & Mass Education, Orissa.
12. Ksh. Irabot Singh, Education Minister, Manipur.
13. Shri B. Durge Prasada Rao, Minister for Primary & Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh.
14. Smt. Chitra Naik, Member, Planning Commission.
15. Shri A. Mohandas Moses, Advisor, Jammu & Kashmir.
16. Shri Abhimanyu Singh, Joint Secretary (EE) Department of Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) Member - Secretary.

Special Invitees

17. Law Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary.

18. Dr. R.V. Vaidhyanatha Ayyar, Additional Secretary.
19. Shri R.S. Pandey, Joint Secretary (DPEP).
20. Shri S. Satyameerthy, Financial Adviser, MHRD.

2. The Terms of reference of the Committee are as follows :

- (i) to examine and consider the legal, academic, administrative and financial implications of the proposal to amend the Constitution to make the right to free and compulsory education a fundamental right.
- (ii) to suggest suitable statutory measures to enforce this fundamental right.
- (iii) to suggest guidelines indicating facilities which if not provided, would be justifiable.

3. The Chairman of the Committee will have powers to coopt members and to set up sub-committees to assist it in its task;

4. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of two months from the date of its first meeting;

5. E.E. Bureau would provide necessary secretariat assistance for the Committee's work.

6. The non-official members coopted members or members of sub-committees will be entitled to travel and daily allowance as per Government of India rules.

Sd/-

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1. Members of the Committee.
2. Education Secretaries of All States & Union Territories.
3. Directors of Education of all States & Union Territories.
4. I.F.D./E-I/PPS to ES.
5. Education Secretary, Government of India.

Transfer of Teachers of KVs

2301. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for the transfer of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether some complaints have been received on account of lapse of the rules; and